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PRESIDENT'S LETTER by Howard, AB9FH



Thanks to all of you who came to the May meeting and made our auction and elections a success. We owe a special thanks to our auctioneer, Dave, WB9-BWP, and also to the readers out there who bid those books up so high. The election was a success because we had candidates for all the positions. Brian, KC9HEK's, having moved up to V.P. from director does leave a vacancy; that will probably be filled before the next meeting. We have a good group in terms of participating in meetings and stepping forward to get things done. I am looking forward to the next two years.

On an old topic that is new each year, Field Day is coming up June 28th and 29th. I feel like I am repeating myself when I say that Saturday is also the club picnic, but somebody is always surprised when I mention that. Can you hear me now? Participation has been down the last few years, which might be explainable in terms of propagation, but I think there have been other reasons as well. Eyeball QSO's are one of the big appeals of Field Day, and they certainly shouldn't be affected by sunspot numbers. We'll have plenty of food, places to sit in the shade, and stations to operate. The logging software is easy to use, and that makes the "hard" part of the job a piece of cake. We have the site that is the envy of many; let's get on out there this year! Details are elsewhere in this issue of

the 'Chatter.

A truly new topic at an old location: our Kids Day effort, also at Pioneer Village is the weekend prior to Field Day, June 21st and 22nd. This will be a much shorter effort, noon to 5 p.m. each day. With only two or three stations, setup won't be a big deal. Although we'd love to see a group out there, you can participate in this one from home. We will be trying different HF frequencies, depending on conditions, but you will always be able to reach us via the club repeater. Because Pioneer Village is doing a special promotion that weekend, there should be a good crowd. Technologically speaking, we're a century or two too late for Pioneer Village, but I think too many in the general public think ham radio is a relic from the past. Let's show them we're still active, still helping out, in the 21st Century!

I'll wind up with another common topic: let's keep our nets busy over the summer. Get that 10m gear into shape on our nets and you will be able to take advantage of the openings we hear about. And our repeater is there to be used so let's use it. Talk up Kids' Day and Field day. Make sure folks know about the opportunities they have to enjoy the hobby this month. See you on the 26th and hopefully at FD too!

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AB9FH

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NETS HEARD IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY			
Daily	6:00-8:00 AM	14.2900	Milwaukee / Florida (SSB)	Wed.	8:00 PM	145.130- ARRL voice news
Daily	5:15-6:00 AM	3.9850	Wisconsin SSB net	Wed.	9:00 PM	145.130- MAARS Swapnet
Daily	7:30 AM	144.1550	Breakfast Round Table (SSB)	Wed.	8:00 PM	147.270+ Weather & Swap Net
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net	Thu. 8:00 PM	50.160	MRAC 6 m. SSB Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.8650-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)	Thu.	9:00 PM	146.910- Computer Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.4450	Emergency Net	Fri. 8:00 PM	28.490	MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)
Mon.	8:45 PM	147.1650	ARRL voice news (ARES)	Fri. 9:00 PM	145.390-	W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10 mtr. net
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net	Sat	9:00 PM	146.910- Saturday Night Fun Net
Mon.	9:00 PM	147.1650	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)	Sun.	8:30 AM	3.985 QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.1600	6 m. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net	Sun.	9:00 AM	145.565 X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.2500	Badger Contesters (SSB)	Sun.	10:00 AM	443.800 FM-38 link to 146.88 Baraboo Swapnet
Wed.	8:00 PM	28.365	MKE Guardian chptr 10-10 net	Sun.	8:00 PM	28.365 MKE Guardian chptr 10-10 net
				Sun.	8:00 PM	146.910- Information Net
				Sun.	9:00 PM	146.910- Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600 KHz -- 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz
SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 meters and above are USB

HAMATEURCHATTER

HamateurChatter is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club), a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are \$17.⁰⁰ per year and run on a calendar year starting January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday of the month except for November (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) and December, when Christmas dinner takes the place of a regular meeting.

Meetings are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

EVERYBODY'S HAM CLUB

Once upon a time The Club consisted of four members..... Everybody, Somebody, Nobody, and Anybody.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So.....Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.....

John, WB9PSE

CREDITS

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

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KA9OFA KB9ZNC

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VEC.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5/29/08

By SARAH PARKS, KB9ZNC

ELECTIONS

The MRAC General Meeting for May 29th, 2008 started at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes were read by secretary Sarah, KB9ZNC. No corrections were offered. Al, KC9IJJ, moved to accept the minutes. Mike, KC9CMT, seconded it and the motion passed.

Mark, AB9CD, read the treasurer's report. Larry, NZ9I, moved to accept the report as read. Mike, KC9CMT, seconded it and the motion passed.

Howard, AB9FH, gave a quick rundown about the event at Pioneer Village held on the weekend before Field Day. Flyers and a sign-up sheet were available. Final nominations were made. While preparations were made for the elections, the mike was passed for all to ID.

Tom, KF9PU, gave a brief VEC update.

Howard brought up the topic of altering the by-laws, but Mark requested the discussion be held off until next month.

Howard, AB9FH, ran for president. There were no challengers, so he was re-elected by voice vote.

Brian, KC9HEK, was nominated and ran for vice-president. There were no challengers, so he was elected by voice vote.

Sarah, KB9ZNC, ran for secretary. There were no challengers, so she was re-elected by voice vote.

Mark, AB9CD, ran for treasurer. There were no challengers, so he was re-elected by voice vote.

Dave, WB9BWP; Charles, KC9IIV; Ted, WA9RDI; and Brian, K9LCQ, ran for two director positions. Dave, WB9BWP, and Ted, WA9RDI, were elected. Brian, KC9HEK's, became vice-president, which left his position on the Board of Directors open, which will be filled by presidential appointment.

The auction followed. Afterwards the floor was opened for a motion to adjourn, but it didn't seem necessary, as most everybody had adjourned anyway. Meeting ended sometime after 9 p.m.

AUCTION RESULTS

First, I'd like to thank everyone that donated equipment to the club at the auction. I'd like to list all of you individually but I was a tad bit busy just recording items, winning bid amounts and the winning call signs (call signs sure do come in handy - everyone should have one, but that is a different article).

For the donors, the club owes you a big thank you for supporting the club. This year your donations had a bigger impact than normal. The \$287.00 (including a couple of donations to round up the bill to an even amount) represents about 17 regular memberships in the club. Given our renewals this year were down compared to last year and less than the conservative number used to create the

club budget, these donations put the club at pretty close to break even amount for funding in 2008. As your treasurer, this generosity is great news. It ensures we continue on a course of financial responsibility put in place by one of our previous presidents after a period of not enough attention to such matters.

Of course our thanks also go to the bidders at the auction. I want to give special thanks to the support shown by bids in excess of the list price on the books auctioned at the meeting. There can be no doubt about the motivation for doing this.

THANK YOU. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Treasurer – MRAC

ARRL FIELD DAY EVENT

By PANCHO, KA9OFA

Field Day is Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29.

MRAC again, will use the Cedarburg Train Depot at Pioneer Village as its Field Day site.

Pioneer Village is a living history museum located 10 mi. north of Hwy 60 on county highway I (just north of the Hawthorne Glenn golf course) north of Cedarburg. GPS coordinates: **Latitude: 43.454275, Longitude: -87.978225**

The Village contains 20 restored and authentically furnished houses, barns and outbuildings, all of which show how pioneer Ozaukee County residents lived in the 1800's. In addition to the houses and barns, the Cedarburg Train Depot, a chapel, a fox farm display and a trading post are located there.

What is Field Day, anyway? Well, it is a 24 hour period in which many clubs and HAMs, around the country, take time out from their busy schedules and have fun setting up radio stations (many times in out of the way places) and operating, garnering contacts during that time and at the same time check out their emergency preparedness.

We'll start arriving there around 8:00 a.m. CDT on Saturday, June, 28 to start setting up stations, etc. We'll break for lunch just before noon and start operating radio at 1:00 p.m. Some of us will spend the night there operating. Then around noon on Sunday, June 29 we'll tear everything down and pack it away and go home for a nice rest. We will be operating with networked computer logging (very easy to use). We will also have a GOTA station for those without licenses to get on the air with the aid of a licensed operator.

Come on out and see what it's all about, get on the air, stay the night, if you feel like it. The train depot benches are not very comfortable, but you're welcome to come and try them out. Bring your sleeping bag, mosquito repellent and sunscreen. Pioneer Village is kind of on a hill and the breeze is comfortable and generally does a pretty good job of keeping the mosquitoes away. Also having our operations in the train depot offers a place to retreat from the elements if we get inclement weather.

This is also our annual picnic on that Saturday, June 28 around noon.

So come on out and enjoy a nice outing with plenty of fresh air and HAM camaraderie and get on the air.

MAY 19, BOD NOTES

Present: Howard, AB9FH; Joe, N9UX; Mark, AB9CD; Sarah, KB9ZNC; Pancho, KA9OFA; Ted, WA9RDI; Al, KC9IJJ.

Absent: Tom, WI9TOM; Brian, KC9HEK.

- The Board is working out the details of playing the RAIN report on our club repeater.
- Arrangements were made for the mailing of the last 90th Anniversary Special Event QSL cards.
- Further plans were discussed concerning Field Day and the special weekend before it.
- Mark, AB9CD, stepped down as Pioneer Village contact person.
- Final plans for elections and the auction were made.
- Our old lapel mic system will be repaired so that speakers will have an easier time using a microphone during their presentation.

FIELD DAY SITE



Field Day photo of our site showing our ladder tower in the foreground, the old Cedarburg train depot on the right with a caboose on a track in front and parking lot on the left.

GPS location is :
Latitude: 43.454275, Longitude: -87.978225

EVENTS

MRAC Membership Meeting

Thu. -June 26, 2008

www.w9rh.org

ARRL Field Day 2008

Sat. & Sun. - Jun. 28 & 29

Pioneer Village

10 mi. north of Hwy 60 on Hwy 'T'

Cedarburg, WI

GPS coordinates

Latitude: 43.454275, Longitude: -87.978225

SMARC SwapFest '08

Sun. July 6, 2008

American Legion Post 434

Oak Creek, WI

T/I 146.52 simp

Aurora HamFest

Sun.-July 13

Aurora Central Catholic High School

Aurora, IL

T/I on 147.210 + PL 103.5

<http://www.frrl.org>

Peotone KarsFest *

July 20, 2008

Will county Fairgrounds

Peotone, IL

T/I on 146.94 - (PL 107.2)

MRAC Membership Meeting

Thu. -July 31, 2008

www.w9rh.org

Circus City SwapFest *

Sat.-Aug. 9, 2008

Sauk Co. Fairgrounds

Baraboo, WI

147.315 (+)PL 123.0 Hz

n9udo@yellowthunder.org

East Central Illinois HamFest *

Sun. Aug. 24

Vermillion Co. Fairgrounds

Danville, IL

T/I on 146.820 - PL 88.5 Hz

www.vcara-hamfest.info

MRAC Membership Meeting

Thu. -Aug. 28, 2008

www.w9rh.org

* indicates VE testing is available.

VE NEWS

BY Tom, KF9PU

Thirteen candidates visited our test session on May 30. Of those, nine walked away with either new or upgraded licenses. VEs who assisted us included:

Larry Noldan -----NZ9I
Mark Tellier. ----- AB9CD
Wes Andersen ----- N9YE
Ken Lyman. ----- AA7KL
Mark Bye. ----- .KB9LDX
Bernie Golownia ----- AA9CI
Hal Newton ----- KB9OZN

Our next session will be at AES on July 26. Please note that the new Extra Class pool takes effect on July 1.

Financial report for May:

Beginning balance: \$4,460.62

Income: \$80.00

Expenses: 0

Ending balance: \$4,540.62

REMINDERS

Please check into our nets on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Our **Six Meter SSB net** is **Thursday @ 8:00 p.m. at 50.160 MHz USB**

Our **Ten Meter SSB** net is **Friday at 8:00 p.m. at 28.490 MHz ± 5 KHz USB.**

Our **Two Meter FM** net follows at 9:00 p.m. on our repeater at **145.390 MHz**, minus offset and a **PL of 127.3 Hz.**

Join us for **Saturday Morning Breakfast** at **Maxim's Restaurant**, 18025 W. Capitol Dr.

We usually meet at around 8:00 a.m., and order around 8:15 a.m. The food and the company are good and you don't have to be a member of the club to join us.

CQ Third Tuesday

Come to CQ Third Tuesday at:

Old Country Buffet

16750 West Bluemound Rd.

Brookfield, WI

This gathering of HAMs meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

We start arriving there at 11:00 a.m. and leave when we're full and/or all talked out.

EXAM SCHEDULE

BY TOM FUSZARD, KF9PU

MRAC VEC

Exam Schedule

For upcoming Test Sessions:

July 26 9:30 a.m. @ AES

**Extra Class Question Pool
Changes July 1, 2008**

No testing in June & August.

Sep. 27 9:30 a.m. @ AES

Nov. 1 9:00 a.m. @ Elks
Club (MRC SwapFest)

Nov. 29 9:30 a.m. @ AES

**AES = Amateur Electronic
Supply**

5710 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

The next meeting of MRAC
will be **Thursday, June 26, 2008**
at **7:00 p.m.**

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4057 N. Mayfair Rd.

(Use the south entrance)

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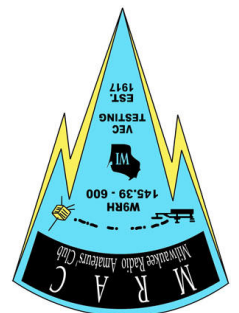
Please, DON'T call the church.

**Our Repeater,
Talk it up.
145.390- MHz
(127.3 Hz PL)**

**This year's Field
Day effort will be
the topic of
conversation for
the June 26th MRAC
meeting.**

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